IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Method A method of providing data storage for a user device ~~that is connectable to a remote server via a network~~, the method comprising the steps acts of:

[[-]] initiating a socket connection ~~to the~~ between a user device and a remote server,

[[-]] providing an application interface ~~requests for storing auxiliary data from applications in the user device~~ which enables access to a virtual local storage by an application running on the user device by processing a request from the application to store auxiliary data associated with the application in the virtual local storage, and, when a storage request is received, having the auxiliary data stored on the remote server via the network.

2.(Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein having the auxiliary data stored includes storing a user identification, and/or an application identification.

3.(Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein providing the application interface includes receiving ~~request for reading data~~ an application request to read auxiliary data from the virtual local storage, and, when requested, having the auxiliary data retrieved from the remote server via the network.

4.(Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ A method of storing auxiliary data from at least one user on a remote server that is connectable to a user device via a network for providing storage for the user device, the method comprising the ~~steps~~ acts of:

[[-]] ~~supporting~~ initiating a socket connection ~~initiated~~ by a storage application in the user device in response to a request for access to a virtual local storage by an application running on the user device to store auxiliary data associated with the application

in the virtual local storage,

[[-]] receiving, via the network, requests for storing auxiliary data from ~~applications~~ the application running in the user device, and, when a storage request is received, storing the auxiliary data on the remote server.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein storing the auxiliary data includes storing a user identification, and/or an application identification.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Computer program product for providing data storage for a user device that is connectable to a remote server via a network, which program is operative to cause a processor~~ A computer readable medium comprising computer program instructions that are executable by a processor to perform the method as claimed in claim 1.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~User device for use in the method of providing data storage as claimed in claim 1, the user device being~~

~~connectable to a remote server via a network, which device~~

~~comprises~~ A user device, comprising:

[[-]] transceiver means ~~(15)~~ for connecting the user device to
~~the~~ a network,

[[-]] control means ~~(20)~~ for performing applications that may
generate auxiliary data relating to the applications, and

processing means for executing a storage application ~~(32)~~ for

[[-]] initiating a socket connection to ~~the~~ a remote server
via the network, and

[[-]] providing an application interface ~~(35) for requests for~~
~~storing auxiliary data from applications in the user device~~ which
enables access to a virtual local storage by an application running
on the user device by processing a request from the application to
store auxiliary data associated with the application in the virtual
local storage, and, when a storage request is received, having the
auxiliary data stored on the remote server via the network.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~User~~ The user device as claimed in
claim 7, wherein the device

[[-]] comprises read means ~~(24)~~ for retrieving data from a

storage medium ~~(22)~~, and

[[-]] the control means ~~(20)~~ are arranged for retrieving

applications to be performed from the storage medium.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Storage medium for carrying data to be retrieved in a user device that is connectable to a remote server via a network, wherein the storage medium comprises a computer program product constituting an application for providing data storage for the user device, which program is operative to cause a processor to perform the method as claimed in claim 1~~ A computer readable medium comprising computer program instructions that are executable by a processor to perform the method as claimed in claim 4.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Storage~~ The computer readable medium as claimed in claim 9, ~~wherein the storage medium comprises~~ further comprising computer program instructions that are executable by the

<u>processor to generate and transmit</u> at least one stream of real-time information.